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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "PTO"), please extend the period for response by two (2) months, to expire on January 12, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time and the requisite fee are enclosed. Please consider the following remarks.

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